

# People Back FDR; House Beats Tax Veto

## Green, Murray Laud Veto Message

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Senator Alben A. Barkley tonight formally notified President Roosevelt he had retained the Senate Democratic leadership only at the insistence of his colleagues but he hoped his resignation and re-election would work toward close harmony.

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The President is taking a temporary beating from Congress, and the House today swiftly and decisively voted to override his fighting tax veto by a margin of 299 to 95.

But one important development overlooked in the shuffle of the furious battle between the President and the wrecking crew in Congress over the President's entire legislative program is the important fact that out of the maelstrom may come a closer relationship between labor and Mr. Roosevelt than has existed in some time.

Both the CIO and the AFL are united behind the President in his firm stand on the tax issue, and his veto was at least partly in response to the urging of labor.

**LABOR RALLIES TO FDR**  
Labor support for the President became clear from messages sent to Congress by CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green, praising the veto message which was so bitterly condemned in Congress.

Murray and Green sent their communications to Congress on the eve of the House vote to override the President's tax veto.

Action by the Senate overriding the veto appeared likely tomorrow. The Senate recessed after a brief two-minute session today while the Democratic caucus was meeting to give Majority Leader Alben Barkley ovations and unanimous votes of support for his break with the President yesterday.

Barkley's resignation was unanimously accepted by the caucus. Then he was unanimously reelected, and a resolution was passed expressing "unqualified confidence" in his leadership.

**BARKLEY WRITES FDR**  
Barkley in a conciliatory letter to the President expressed the hope that the breach between the President and the Congress will be healed.

Replying to the President's letter of yesterday asking him to remain as majority leader, Barkley said: "I fervently trust that this incident may be instrumental in bringing the Executive and legislative departments closer together in full cooperation to the end that we may win this terrible war at the earliest possible moment, bring all of our armed forces back to their homes and loved ones, and be instrumental in bringing to a downhearted and distressed world peace at last."

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## The Story Behind The Tax Tempest

By Mac Gordon

From the moment of America's entry into the war to the present tempest over the President's tax veto, Congress has been busily engaged in protecting the huge intake of the war profiteers from the President's tax program.

Look back to April, 1942, for the background to today's furor over the tax bill.

It was then that President Roosevelt advanced his seven-point program against inflation. Remember Point No. 1?

"To keep the cost of living from spiraling upward, we must tax heavily, and in that process keep personal and corporate profits at a reasonable rate, the word 'reasonable' being defined at a low level."

In that same message to the American people he himself defined "reasonable income": "In time of this grave national danger when all excess income should go to win the war, no American citizen ought to have a net income, after he has paid his taxes, of more than \$25,000 a year."

The President argued that too great discrepancies between high and low income was bad for national morale, and must be cut. He pictured, too, the disastrous results of inflation during, and following, the last war, and pleaded with Congress to avoid these results in this war by a tax program that will capture all excessive income.

**ANOTHER TAX MESSAGE**  
Four months later, in his message to a Congress which was then in process of blocking his wage and price stabilization measure, he was compelled to note the fact that it had ignored his tax proposal.

"I regret to have to call to your attention the fact that neither of these two essential pieces of legislation (taxation and price control) has as yet been enacted into law. That delay has now reached the point of danger to our whole economy."

He again warned of the danger to national unity unless there are assurances that the burdens of war are "equitably shared." And "taxation is the only way of preventing the incomes and profits of individ-

uals and corporations from getting too high."

Finally, Congress passed the Revenue Act for 1943. Instead of taxing high incomes, it placed a Victory tax of five per cent on the poor. It turned down the Treasury proposal of a 55 per cent corporation profits tax, enacting one of 40 per cent, thereby saving the corporations close to a billion dollars in additional profits.

**GIFT TO WEALTHY**  
It rejected Treasury proposals for increases in the upper income tax rates and in the rates on estate and gift taxes, saving wealthy individuals more than half a billion dollars. And it refused to accept Treasury recommendations for plugging major loopholes through which corporations and wealthy individuals were getting away with hundreds of millions more.

Then, in his budget message of 1943, the President again appealed for higher taxes to aid in stabilization, to keep the post-war debt as low as possible and to maintain national unity.

"At a time when wages and salaries are stabilized," he said, "the receipt of very large incomes from any source constitutes a gross inequity undermining national unity."

He projected in that message the problem of building a happier, more secure post-war world and warned that this perspective required a stable economy and the lowest possible post-war debt.

Specifically, he asked for an additional \$16,000,000,000 in taxes or compulsory savings or both, for a pay-as-you-go tax plan and for a simplified tax structure.

**CONGRESS BACKFIRE**  
Congress backfired on all three requests. For pay-as-you-go, it gave the

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## SOVIETS TAKE DNO, ROGACHEV

## Yank Air Offensive Goes Into 5th Day

## Labor Leaders Uphold President

## Mass Executions Sweeping France

## White Russia Base Falls in New Offensive

**AFL President William Green** in wires to majority and minority leaders in Congress: "I appeal to you and through you to all members of Congress to sustain President's veto of the tax bill, H.R. 3687. The country expects that Congress will enact a tax bill which will meet the urgent needs of the war situation. The reasons assigned in President's message for his veto of this tax measure are sound and unanswerable. His veto must be sustained."

**CIO President Philip Murray:** "I endorse wholeheartedly the reasons ascribed by the President for vetoing the proposed tax bill. The least that the men and women in the armed forces can now expect from Congress is that adequate provision will be made now to obtain as much revenue as possible for financing the war in order to decrease the burdens that will have to be borne after the war by the returning soldiers and the members of their families."

**Senator Kenneth McKellar** of Tennessee announced to reporters that Barkley was now the "new leader" of the Democratic Party.

This was an obvious reference to the hope of reactionary Democrats that Barkley will now become the leader of anti-Roosevelt forces in the Democratic Party.

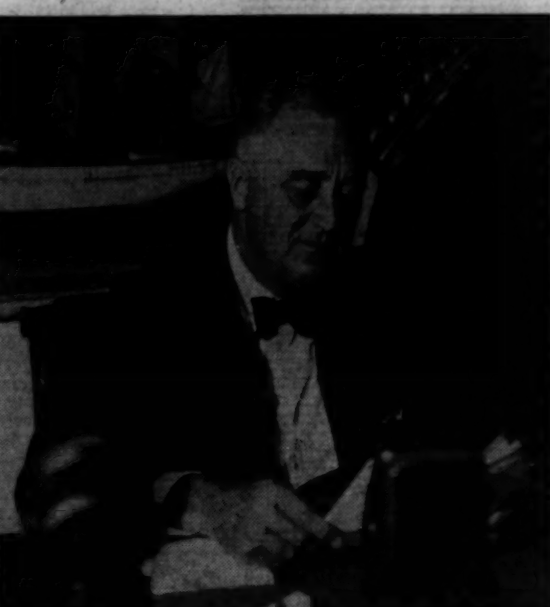
Barkley's blast turned the tide in the House where the situation previously had looked favorable for sustaining the veto.

Of the 101 Congressmen who had voted on Feb. 7 against the tax bill, 53 switched sides and today lined up to override the President's veto.

More than half the Democrats in the House joined with the anti-Roosevelt forces in this latest Republican phalanx.

Backing the President were 89 Democrats, 3 Republicans one American Laborite and two Wisconsin Progressives.

The three courageous Republicans who broke party lines to back up the President, were Reps. H. Carl Anderson of Minnesota, Frances Bol-



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that you are sensitive to the needs of the people and the general war effort. We firmly believe that your message is one of the strongest blows struck for victory since this war began. A grateful people congratulates you."

**President Field Robinson, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers:** "The people fully support your veto message on the tax bill. This brilliant document demonstrates

can people. A stabilized economy and an adequate tax bill are measures absolutely necessary to winning of the war. We demand that you support the President's veto of the inadequate and inequitable tax bill. We demand an end of partisan politics and that Congress turn its immediate attention to the speedy winning of the war."

**Don Henderson, President, United Cannery, Agricultural Packing Workers in wire to Barkley:** "We recognize the fine record that you have in supporting the win-the-war policies of the administration and in supporting our Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt. We urge that you reconsider your resignation as majority leader in the Senate and subordinate all minor matters to the continuance of support to the win-the-war policies of the administration regardless of personal feelings. Only reactionary and anti-war appeasement elements will be helped by any other policy."

**New York State CIO President Louis Holland and Secretary-Treasurer Harold Garne wired:** "This is not time for special privileges to favored groups. The American people are ready to back with their dollars their fighting men all over the world, but they expect and demand a tax program based on ability to pay."

## City Democrats in House Back FDR

Sustaining President Roosevelt in his strong veto of the tax bill, New York City Democrats voted almost as a bloc in a fruitless effort to keep the House from overriding the Presidential ban.

New York City's fifteen votes formed approximately sixteen per cent of the total votes supporting the President. The only New York City Democrat voting against the veto was Congressman Barry of Queens. He was joined in this action by one other Manhattan representative, Congressman Baldwin, Republican.

Democrats voting to sustain were Representatives Kennedy, Klein, Lynch, Merritt, Somers, Bloom, Capozzoli, Heffernan, Keogh, O'Toole, Pfeiffer, Buckley, Delaney, Dickstein and Fitzpatrick.

Representatives O'Leary and Cullen were paired in support of the veto.

**Representative Marcantonio,** American Labor Party member, joined the Democrats in voting to sustain.

## Dictator Bans 3 Paraguay Unions

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 24 (ALN).—General Higinio Morinigo, dictator of Paraguay, has issued a decree dissolving the construction workers, printers and street car employees unions and confiscating their funds for "social welfare purposes."

Paraguay's anti-labor policy has been spearheaded by the Frente de Guerra, which was organized by the German Embassy before Paraguay broke relations with the Axis.

## 4 Honored With Order of Suvorov

MOSCOW, Feb. 24 (ICN).—The Order of Suvorov, First Class, has been awarded to three Marshals of the Soviet Union and a colonel general. By a decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR Semyon Budyonny, Kliment Voroshilov, Boris Shaposhnikov and Colonel General Alexander Scherbakov, were honored for the successful fulfillment of the assignments of the Supreme High Command.

## See By-Election Here In Light of Tax Fight

The by-election in Manhattan's 21st Congressional district next Tuesday takes on added national significance in view of the attack on the President's tax veto by Congress, in the opinion of veteran political observers.

The election is being held to choose a successor to Joseph A. Gavanagh, who is now a Supreme Court Judge. Candidates are James H. Torrens, Democratic-American Labor Party candidate who is running on a platform of support to the President, and Richard Bennett, Republican, who is a former Republican congressman.

Coming so soon after the veto message and the furor raised by it in Congress, the results of the election will be widely interpreted as a vote of confidence in the President, or an expression of disapproval, depending on how the vote goes. That will be the interpretation whether the actual facts of the election warrant it or not.

Because the election is taking place in New York City, stronghold of FDR support, it will be considered a defeat for the President even if Bennett should succeed in giving Torrens a close race.

## SOME NEGATIVE FACTORS

There is genuine fear among some supporters of the President that the election of Torrens is by no means a sure thing even though the district has gone fairly heavily Democratic-ALP in recent years. The fear is based on these factors:

1) In a by-election, only a small proportion of the voters come to the polls, and organization in getting out a party vote is decisive. The Republican apparatus is exceedingly active in reaching its voters. The Democratic apparatus, and to a lesser extent the ALP organization, have suffered from complacency. The GOP leadership is alert to the significance of the election and seems determined to win it.

2) Bennett himself as well as the Republican machine, has been especially active among the Negro voters, who make up about 35 per cent of the electorate in the district. He is getting the support of most of the Negro press.

He is trying to capitalize on certain demagogic moves made by Governor Dewey and on the well-known hatred of the Negro people for the poll-tax Democrats. Little has yet been done to counteract this activity by showing that it is not the President's forces but the Republicans who are in political alliance with the poll-taxers.

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## Allied Guns Batter Nazis at Anzio

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Feb. 24 (UP).—**For the third straight day, Allied artillery has blunted a German attack against the Anzio beachhead, throwing the battered Nazis into such disorganization that their entire plan for a new major assault on the Fifth Army's stoutly held strip below Rome appeared upset tonight.

Sharp but indecisive fighting, involving small units, was reported taking place all around the beachhead perimeter and the Germans also attempted a minor infiltration thrust down the Anzio road which was promptly "dealt with."

The latest German thrust of any consequence was directed against the American positions west of Cassino. But Allied artillery observers spotted the enemy's tanks and other vehicles wheeling into attack formations, and directed a concentrated barrage that scattered them before they could get started.

The would-be attacks of the preceding two days had been directed against the British line below Anzio. Heavy rains pelted down over the beachhead front Wednesday, preventing air activity after both German and Allied planes had flown a few sorties.

On the Cassino Front, sharp patrol and artillery exchanges were reported and Allied guns touched off three tremendous explosions among enemy rear positions in the mountains behind Cassino.

## Soviets Feature Allied Greetings

MOSCOW, Feb. 24 (UP).—The official Soviet press today published messages of greetings from Allied leaders to Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin on the 26th anniversary of the Red Army.

Tributes were received from President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, of Canada; Secretary of War Henry Stimson, and Oskar Tharup, Defense Minister of the Norwegian Government-in-Exile.

A reception for the Foreign Diplomatic Corps and Press Corps, at which many of the Soviet's leading generals were present, was given by Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

**When the North and South American internees from Germany came across the Spanish border today en route to Lisbon, Ralph E. Heinzen, former United Press manager for France, was able to hand a UP representative at Iron the brief dispatch which follows. The dispatch was relayed from the French-Spanish border to Madrid from where it was wirelessly to New York.**

**By Ralph E. Heinzen**  
HENDAYE, Franco - Spanish Frontier, Feb. 24 (UP).—As I am leaving France a wave of terrorism is sweeping the country. In the last week the French and Germans have court-martialed and condemned to death 58 persons. At Bordeaux the Germans caught 17 for attacking German sentinels and sabotaging military stocks. At Paris 23 of a group of 34 were executed after a lightning trial in the French courts. Reliable reports from Haute-Savoie say the entire region is ablaze with patriot activities.

## U. S. Raids Nazi Targets 5th Day

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UP).—The all-American daylight air offensive on German aircraft production centers today roared into its fifth day, with heavy bombers from Britain blasting Schweinfurt and Gotha in the north and Berlin reporting others from Italy striking at southern German targets.

While the bombs of the heavyweights crushed the Luftwaffe's factories, the largest force of Ninth Air Force Marauders ever sent against Europe's invasion coast—250 medium bombers—smashed three air fields in Holland without losing a single plane and other Allied bombers blasted the Pas-de-Calais area of northern France.

Clear skies over Europe permitted the British-based Eighth Air Force to renew the coordinated attacks after a day of idleness Wednesday. On that day the 15th Air Force from Italy smashed aircraft and engine plants at Steyr, in Central Austria 90 miles west of Vienna.

Today's renewed attacks on southern Germany were announced by the German radio before the 15th officially revealed its targets.

**NAZI TARGETS BLASTED**  
The Britain-based blows at Schweinfurt and Gotha roared into Germany behind a massed spearhead of hundreds of fighters one mile wide and layers deep before the bombers split in two sections to strike at their targets 60 miles apart.

Half of the force, composed entirely of Fortresses, turned south to blast Schweinfurt and the other half, all Liberators, turned north to heap destruction on Gotha.

Returning crewmen said the weather was perfect over both targets and the great pillars of smoke and flame were billowing upward as the U. S. bombers turned homeward from the German cities.

At Schweinfurt, the Fortresses flew through a sky dense with flak but the Liberators ran into only moderate ground defenses at Gotha. Neither fighters nor flak prevented the Americans from taking a long, steady bomb run to obtain maximum destruction, crewmen said.

## Congress Continues Commodity Credits

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Congress today completed action on a bill extending the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation until June 30, 1945 and thus temporarily capitated to President Roosevelt on the food subsidy issue.

The measure was sent to the President after the House accepted without change a bill previously approved by the Senate. Efforts to write in anti-subsidy features were defeated.

**LONDON, Feb. 24.—**The Soviets today took by storm the key junction of Dno, last major German base east of the Baltic gateway of Pskov, and in a new offensive on the long dormant Central Front captured the White Russian base of Rogachev, thus disclosing that powerful Soviet offensives were driving westward from one end to the other of the 2,000-mile front.

Marshal Joseph Stalin, in two Orders of the Day, announced that Dno was captured in an "impetuous attack" by the armies of Gen. Leonid A. Govorov and Gen. Markian P. Popov, and that on the Central Front troops of Gen. Konstantin K. Rokossovsky, in a three-day offensive smashed 16 miles through Nazi defenses on a 31 mile front to take Rogachev by assault.

Following by only 48 hours the Soviet capture of the great iron center of Krivoi Rog in the Southern Ukraine, these new reverses held promise that the Wehrmacht soon might be driven entirely from Soviet soil. The long front now is irregular and extremely difficult of defense, with bodies of German troops threatened with encirclement in several sectors.

## TAKE STRATEGIC POINTS

The regular Soviet communiqué, broadcast after Stalin's Orders of the Day, said that in the regions of Dno and Rogachev more than 100 other inhabited localities were captured in each area. The communiqué also listed as captured several localities and the district center of Serezhko, southwest of Strugi Krasnye; a number of localities southwest of Kholm, the rail station of Tschelchitsa and the town of Staroye Selo.

The fall of Dno opened the way for Soviet armies driving from the east, northwest and north and probably sealed the fate of Pskov, gateway to all the Baltic region. Dno is a junction of the Leningrad-Vitebsk and Staraya Russa-Pskov railways and was the anchor of the German defense system east of the Baltics.

The new offensive on the Central Front, disclosed only today by the Soviets, was admitted two days ago by the Germans, who said the Red Army was mounting a full scale offensive there driving toward the vital junction of Bobruisk and toward Minsk beyond.

The Germans also reported their lines had been penetrated southeast of Vitebsk, major base in upper White Russia, and that heavy fighting was under way.

Stalin's Orders of the Day ordered the twin victories east saluted by 12 artillery salvos from 124 of Moscow's guns.

## We Sink Japanese Troop Transports

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Friday, Feb. 25 (UP).—**American naval forces, tightening the blockade around isolated Japanese bases in the Bismarck Sea and Solomon Islands area, have sunk an enemy troop-laden vessel, a cargo ship, nine barges and a Japanese destroyer. It was announced today.

Approximately 330 Japanese soldiers perished in the sinking of the 3,500-ton troops transport, apparently being used to evacuate a portion of the enemy forces from New Ireland and New Britain, dispatches said. Only 73 of the enemy were rescued, reports said, and two died later of injuries and another committed suicide.

**ABOARD U. S. FLAGSHIP, Expeditionary Force, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, Feb. 24 (UP).—**Victorious American Marines secured control of Parry Island, last Japanese stronghold of Eniwetok Atoll, at 7:39 P.M. yesterday to complete the U. S. conquest of the Marshall Islands.



## We Reach for The Marianas

By a Veteran Commander

OUR Navy task forces continue to thrust deeper and deeper into the Japanese domain in the central Pacific.

From the Gilberts a huge "finger" is probing northwestward, between Wake and Iwo and has now reached Saipan in the Marianas which is just north of Guam. If we superimpose a map of the United States on the map of the Pacific and have our base at Eniwetok in the Marshalls (completely conquered by now) coincide with, say, New York, Saipan will approximately correspond to Aberdeen, South Dakota. This is how far we have reached with carrier-based planes. On such a map Tokyo would correspond approximately to Resolution on Great Slave Lake in the Northwestern Territories of Canada (Truk would be near St. Louis and Manila would be somewhat west of Portland, Ore.).

### On the War Fronts

In New Britain marines and army troops have finally met, giving us control of the entire southwestern end of the big island on which Rabaul lies. Another small Japanese convoy was blasted in the Bismarck Sea.

IN THE Anglo beachhead the weather has turned foul again and it is expected that the Germans will take advantage of it in order to make another attempt to push our troops into the sea. Thus the third phase of the Battle of the Beachhead is about to begin. There are no changes worth mentioning on the Cassino front.

Across the Adriatic Marshal Tito's men are still battling in Italy, north of Gorizia. In the other sectors Tito is holding the Germans and in some places his men have succeeded in making advances.

Allied air forces have gone after ball bearing factories. Steyr in Austria was blasted.

RED ARMY troops have entered the outskirts of the key railway junction of Dno and are fighting in the streets.

East of Kholm General Khosin's troops are within 20 miles of the station of Bushevo on the Dno-Novosokolniki railroad. It is probable that the Volkhov salient is just waiting for the opening of that railroad to make a dash forward in the direction of Riga, this move coinciding with a possible Soviet thrust across Lake Peipus in the same direction.

No Soviet news yet of the German-reported drive near Rogachev, on the upper Dnieper. The south is cloaked with official silence, too.

The bombing of Finland is assuming an interesting and very neat pattern; Kemijarvi and Rovaniemi on the Arctic Highway to Petsamo and the principal ports of the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Finland from Kemi (near the Swedish border) to Kotka (almost opposite Narva) have been blasted, thus sealing to a certain extent the exits from Finland and isolating the Germans there.

(The Germans have just announced that they had "evacuated" the stronghold of Dno; this will help quickly clear the Leningrad-Vitebsk trunk line and provide the Second Baltic Front with a much-needed railway line. There are no railway lines in the great Bologoye-Dno-Novosokolniki triangle—an area of some 7,500 square miles immediately in the rear of General Khosin's army group.)

## 'Times' Hails Soviets With a Lot of 'Buts'

Only one day after the Red Army's birthday, celebrated throughout the land with sincerity and enthusiasm, the New York Times deliberately struck a sour note. It was in Thursday's editorial rebuking Marshal Stalin for his "Order of the Day." And it was the only editorial of its kind in a major American newspaper.

### Chile Bares Data On Axis Spy Ring

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—An Axis espionage ring operating through the German Embassy in Buenos Aires and Santiago supplied the enemy vital information on Western Hemisphere fortifications, installations, troop and ship movements, high official quarters revealed today.

The disclosure was based on evidence uncovered by the Chilean government in 1942 when it apprehended an Axis spy ring known as the PYL group.

An official report said that Chile's diplomatic break with the Axis has permitted it to conduct an intensive investigation of pro-Axis elements. Chilean police have apprehended some 100 Axis agents during the past several days and orders have been issued for all those remaining in Chile.

"It has been reported," the report said, "that the Chilean government is now in possession of conclusive evidence that the German Embassy in Buenos Aires and Santiago and the German Embassy in Santiago and Buenos Aires actively fostered the work of the espionage agents in the other American republics and that valuable information was transmitted from this hemisphere to Germany by clandestine short wave radio transmitters."

The report disclosed the arrest Feb. 15 of Guillermo Kunsemüller, who, it said, admitted he operated a clandestine radio in Chile under orders from Friedrich Von Schultz Hausman, former general manager of the North German Lloyd Line, now under arrest in Argentina. After Hausman was arrested, it said, espionage in Chile continued under his instructions as relayed by Gen. Friedrich Wolf, military attaché in the German Embassy at Buenos Aires.

### Rubber Situation Good But Don't Hope for More

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24 (UP).—Although the nation's rubber situation is in "very good shape," there is little hope of more rubber for civilian use, former Rubber Coordinator William M. Jeffers said today.

Jeffers, president of the United Rubber Workers, told the 22nd annual meeting of the Associated Traffic Clubs of America that present military demands for rubber were much greater than had been anticipated last fall.

### U. S. Casualties Total 118,128

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—U. S. Army casualties for the war up to Feb. 7 totalled 118,128, Under-Secretary of War Robert F. Patterson disclosed today.

# Congressman Demands U.S. Break with Franco

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

Rep. John Coffee, D., of Washington yesterday called on the United States to break off relations with General Franco and give support to the Spanish people, who, he revealed, have formed a "Supreme Council of National Union" to overthrow the Franco regime.

In a speech prepared for delivery on the floor of the House, Coffee denounced "alk-hatted appeasers," and urged an end to the "face of false neutrality by which Hitler has used Spain as a knife at our throats."

Coffee asked Congress to go on record in favor of breaking off with the Spanish fascist regime, and declared that an anti-Franco revolt was brewing in Spain.

**FRANCO ON 'HOT SEAT'**  
"Senor Franco," he said, "occupies a rather hot seat perched above a volcano that is due to erupt at any moment."

"Strange stories appear in the Spanish press today," he said, "stories about Spanish troops being called out to fight 'highwaymen.' It is not highwaymen who are so occupying Franco troops—it is the growing army of Spanish Republican guerrillas... they are blowing up power houses, wrecking trains, destroying factories producing goods for the German army. The Spanish people are on the march."

Coffee said the Germans were becoming alarmed over the opposition to Franco's Falange party and that Hitler even now was plotting to retain control in Spain by bringing back the "bastard Spanish monarchy" which might "pretend to break with the Nazis."



FRANCISCO FRANCO

"The German government will try to sell this government to the western democracies as the last hope against Bolshevism, just as they did succeed in palming off Francisco Franco," he said.

"This is no pipe dream," he declared. "The Germans have been laying the groundwork for this cheap trick for over a year... advance men for this circus of death have been on the road for months."

Coffee's proposal is noteworthy first because it brings the news of the "Supreme Council of National Union" officially before the American people.

**EXPOSES MANEUVERS**  
The "Supreme Junta" as it is called in Spanish was formed inside of Spain and made known in a Dec. 21 issue of an underground Spanish paper. It has the backing of all the Republican forces.

It is also significant that Coffee draws attention to the fact that Germany is also playing with the idea of replacing Franco with a Spanish monarchy favorable to itself.

Hitler, the chief monarchist maneuverer, is known to be taking place in London, and to a lesser extent, in the United States.

This denunciation of Franco on the floor of Congress coincides with the evidence of a definite new phase in Allied policy toward Spain.

Anthony Eden, British foreign minister, revealed in the House of Commons Wednesday that the United States and Great Britain are not satisfied with Franco's protestations of "neutrality" and have presented him with a series of economic demands.

These are calculated, said Eden, to prevent Franco from continuing to help Germany by the shipment of Spanish minerals and by the trans-shipment of foodstuffs and oil

imported through Spain from South America.

**BRITISH BLOCKADE TIGHTENS**  
It is also known that the British have tightened their anti-contraband blockade in the Bay of Biscay. The Foreign Economic Administration has extended the embargo on oil to Spain through the month of March.

At the same time, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced Tuesday that the United States considers the Spanish Falange, of which Franco is the chief, as "incompatible with the well-being of the United States."

The Department of Justice has begun proceedings to take American citizenship away from a Puerto Rican agent of the Falange.

Observers believe that these concrete measures signify a new phase in Allied policy toward Franco, a transition from the policy of simply "pressuring" him into neutrality to a policy of seeking some alternative to Franco's present form of rule in Spain.

**LATIN AMERICAN TIE**  
Undoubtedly, the chief American motivation for this change lies in the inroads which the fascist Falange is making in Latin America.

There it serves as the chief agency connecting Hitler Germany with the most reactionary, anti-American forces in each Latin American country. In the case of Argentina and Bolivia, the Falange has dan-

gerously jeopardized inter-American security.

While Rep. Coffee draws attention to the only forces that can be relied upon to save Spain for the United Nations—the "Supreme Council of National Union"—it is well-known that both British and American diplomatic circles have been toying with two other groups, which are in themselves related.

**JUAN MARCH FIGURES**  
One is the so-called monarchist opposition, which together with some army circles have been trying to find a way of ridding Spain of the Falange and its open commitment to Hitler Germany, without providing an opening for the Republican forces.

It is known that Juan March, the infamous banker and industrialist who originally financed Franco's foreign minister, Count Jordana, is supposed to be in this group. Jordana's son, and March's lawyer are known to be in Washington now.

Among similar shady elements is the former foreign minister, Gen. Juan Beltrán, now reported in Mexico City after a prolonged stay in Washington and presumably negotiating for the monarchist circles.

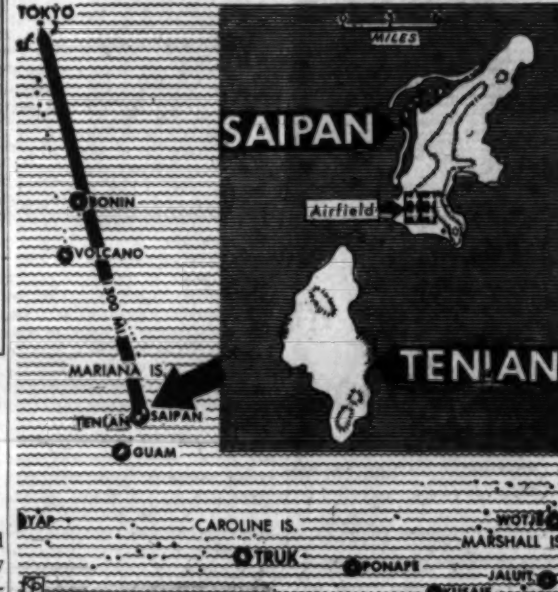
At the same time, Indalecio Prieto, the "right Socialist," who was thrown out of Spain during the war for the republic, has established a Junta of his own in Mexico City. He attempts to persuade the State Department that he can be relied upon as a "safe" Republican. Latest reports say that Prieto has in fact the perspective of becoming a "Labor supporter" for the monarchists. He is supposed to have arrived in New York today to press his negotiations.

Prieto, however, represents only a discredited fraction of Spanish Socialists and his Junta has no real support for the Spanish unionists in exile. Of course, he excludes the Spanish Communists among many other Republicans.

Prieto's Junta has received another heavy blow in the news of the "Supreme Council of National Union" formed within Spain itself. More and more Spanish Republicans, of all viewpoints, are rallying behind the Supreme Council as the only force capable of overthrowing Franco and ending Nazi influence there.

Coffee's resolution not only brings the existence of this Council squarely before the American people as the true champion of United Nations interests in Spain, but he also offers a concrete way in which the new phase of Allied policy can be most fruitful; namely, by breaking off all relations with the Franco government itself.

## We Move Closer to Tokio



Several hundred U.S. carrier planes have made their closest attack to Tokio when, with a strong Pacific Fleet task force, they bombed Saipan and Tenian Islands, just north of Guam, in the Mariana group. As the map shows, they lie only about 1,300 miles from Japan. Located north of Truk, as shown on the map, neutralizing or occupation of these islands would render Truk virtually helpless, endanger Guam, further challenge the Japanese fleet to come out and fight and put us at the very doorstep of the mainland of Japan.

## Badoglio Reneges On Pledge to Quit

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Badoglio and King Emmanuel in business.

As for Italian contributions to victory, everyone knows that the Italian armies have virtually disintegrated under Badoglio's leadership whereas the only effective fighting, as when the people of Naples kicked out the Germans five days before the Allies arrived, has taken place under the leadership of the Committee of National Liberation.

As for the thesis that the King's government is legitimate, Italian democrats ask how a government which legitimized Mussolini's dictatorship can possibly be considered to legitimize democracy? The only possible legitimate forces in Italy are those which overthrew Mussolini, the coalition of the six democratic parties.

## Eniwetok Atoll Readied as Base

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 24 (UP).—American marines, infantrymen, engineers and seabees swiftly consolidated Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands today as a new offensive base against Japan's ocean empire, a base which puts the Truk and America's own Wake Island within effective land-based bomber range.

Details of the bold Navy task force attack on Saipan and Tinian, a new contemptuous challenge to the Japanese navy to come out and fight, were still awaited.

A week's operations in which Truk had been attacked by a navy carrier force. Eniwetok had been captured and the Marianas raided brought expectation here of possible further American operations.

The collapse of Japanese bases in the southwest Pacific had been brought nearer by the Truk and Marianas attacks, a dispatch from the southwest zone said.

## Guerrillas Free Danish Patriot

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—Drama unfolded at the Central Station in Copenhagen.

A young student, sentenced to one-and-a-half years of hard labor in prison, for guerrilla activities, was being escorted to prison by the police. Suddenly, just before train-time, a group of Danish patriots broke into the compartment.

A quick battle ensued, during which the police were wounded and the young student freed.

That story and many others are coming out of Denmark and receive publication in the Soviet press.

Another serious incident took place in Blostrup, near Copenhagen. The Nazi authorities, upon learning that the Danish patriots planned to raid the "Globe" plant where airplane parts are produced, sent a detachment of German police to the plant.

When the Danish police, who also had been warned of the intended raid appeared on the scene after some delay, the German police met them with sharp reproaches about their "slowness."

A clash ensued between the Germans and the Danish police, in the course of which policemen of both groups were wounded.

## Queens Parley to Map Unity Drive

A borough-wide conference on Inter-Racial and Inter-Faith Understanding will be held in Queens at the Young Men's Christian Association, 26-25 Parsons Blvd. Jamaica at 2 P. M. Sunday.

A committee under the leadership of Mrs. Anthony Pisciotto urged to action because of the growing number of anti-tolerant and anti-democratic incidents in the borough, have organized and planned the Conference for the purpose of creating borough-wide interest and action in combating race prejudice and anti-Semitism.

William S. Gallmor, well-known radio commentator and lecturer, and Rev. Charles L. Carrington of the Brooks Memorial Methodist Church in Jamaica, will deliver the keynote addresses at the Conference.

## 'Poor Little Finland' In New Maneuver

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

As the former Finnish premier, Juho Paasikivi returned to Helsinki yesterday, denying that there had been any contact between Soviet and Finnish representatives on peace terms, the Social Democratic leaders in Helsinki were attempting another maneuver to make the world believe "poor little Finland" is anxious for peace.

Vaivo Tanner, Social-Democratic boss and one of the actual rulers of Finland, was quoted by a Swedish paper as saying that Finland would withdraw from the war "immediately" if "acceptable peace terms" are offered by the Soviet Union.

Otherwise, Tanner declared, as reported by United Press, "we shall fight on with clenched fists and await what the future holds in store."

By this maneuver, Tanner makes it appear that it is up to the Soviet

Union to offer Finland terms, as though the real situation were not precisely the opposite: namely that Finland's ally, Germany, is being defeated, and it is up to Finland to accept unconditional surrender.

Secondly, Tanner makes it appear—for American consumption—that Finland is simply too anxious for peace but that the Soviet Union stands in the way.

The actual fact is, of course, that Finland is actively allied with Germany against both Britain and the Soviet Union. If the Finns are anxious for peace, it is they who must show it by breaking with Germany and getting out of the war through surrender.

## Quill to Address Dominican Meeting

City Councilman Michael J. Quill will greet Latin-Americans celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Republic at services at Transport Hall, 153 W. 64th St. at 2 P. M. Sunday.

Speakers will include Dr. Octavio Elia Moros, Dominican scholar; Juan M. Diaz, Dominican leader; Ciro Alegria, Peruvian novelist; Julio de Burgos, Puerto Rican poet; Dr. Bernabe Riveros, Columbian journalist, and others.



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## Hartford AFL Hits Disunity Proposal

HARTFORD, Feb. 24.—The Hartford Central Labor Union at a regular meeting held here voted unanimously to reject a demand that it withdraw cooperation from the joint AFL-CIO-RR Brotherhoods political action committee known in Hartford as the United Labor Political Action Committee. The demand was made in a letter addressed to the Hartford Central Labor Union by John J. Murphy, New England Regional Director of the AFL, whose office is in Boston.

Mr. Murphy enclosed a copy of a letter addressed to the Louisiana State Federation of Labor by William Green, AFL President requesting similar action on the part of the Louisiana AFL and requesting that the Hartford CLU adhere to this request.

In his letter, Mr. Murphy attempted to bring the full weight of the national and regional AFL organizations to bear on the local CLU.

The United Labor Committee has been functioning for a considerable period of time and has brought the closest harmony and friendship between all sections of labor in Hartford. The committee has been unusually effective and commands the highest respect in all sections of the local labor movement.

The unanimous rejection by the CLU registers the determination of the membership of local AFL affiliates to develop its political action, in cooperation with the CIO and the RR Brotherhoods.

### Howard Univ. Head to Speak

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, will be the guest speaker at an Inter-racial Good Will Rally at the Golden Gate Ballroom, 142nd St. and Lenox Ave., Sunday at 3:30 P.M.

A group of 300 youths of the Bedford-Stuyvesant area will sing. This group has been in training for the past two months. Admission will be free. The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., will be master of ceremonies.

### Ramspeck Resting Well After Operation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Rep. Robert Ramspeck of Georgia, House Democratic whip, was reported in satisfactory condition today after an emergency appendectomy last night at the Naval Medical Center at nearby Bethesda, Md.

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## Express Alarm At Rise of N. Y. Job Accidents

New York State industrial accidents in 1942 reported to the State Department of Labor totaled 711,000 nearly twice the 372,000 of 1936, Industrial Commissioner Edward F. Corsi revealed last night.

Mr. Corsi addressed the 19th Annual Safety Dinner of Associated Industries at Hotel Commodore.

"More Americans have been casualties on the industrial front since Pearl Harbor than on all the battlefields of this global war," Corsi said.

Expressing alarm at the steadily mounting toll of accidents in the state, the industrial commissioner recommended that:

(1). Facilities of the insurance carriers and the Department of Labor should be expanded and coordinated to provide an advisory service on accident prevention for all units of industry—a service which will include research into the cause of accidents and the development of safeguards to prevent them.

(2). Adequate staff should be provided for the Division of Inspection to permit complete coverage of all industries and stricter enforcement of the labor laws and industrial codes.

(3). An educational campaign should be initiated to spread word of the safety developments in one plant to all other similar plants; to promote cooperative efforts by management and labor; and to stimulate an increased and continuing emphasis on accident prevention by schools and other agencies charged with the vocational training of youth.

### 68 Marooned by California Storm

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (UP).—Radio-equipped rescue squads battled over snowladen mountains today toward 68 persons marooned in southern California ranges while coastal residents dug out from the debris and silt left by the worst storm in a decade.

Flight of the 68 persons was learned yesterday when a forestry agent reached Red Box camp in the Santa Anita Forestry district on snowshoes. He said 48 persons were trapped at Newcomb's Ranch and 20 men were snowbound at a nearby conscientious objectors camp. None was in danger.

Meanwhile, working under still cloudy skies, highway maintenance crews cleared blocked street and highways.

### Lawyer Absent, Trial Of Lonergan Put Over

(By United Press)

The trial of Wayne Lonergan on a charge of slaying his pretty heiress wife, Patricia Burton Lonergan, was postponed today until Monday when his attorney, Edward V. Broderick, again failed to appear in court.

Kings County Judge Franklin Taylor denied a motion for a new trial last month. Defense counsel had sought the new trial on new evidence.



This is the cover of the National CIO War Relief Committee's new Every Front Pamphlet, an all-purpose straight from the shoulder job outlining the facts about the CIO's war relief program. Copies can be secured by writing to the committee's national office.

## Tito Routs Nazi Unit; Hits Exiled Gov't

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UP).—A report from Marshal Josip (Tito) Brozovich's headquarters today said that Yugoslav Partisan units routed a Nazi column of 600 men near Novo Mesto and defeated another German force near the Slovenian town of Kamnik.

Simultaneously, Tito broadcast a protest against the detention of Yugoslav officers and troops in the Middle East by the royal Yugoslav Government after they had expressed a desire to join the Partisans.

Tito demanded that all Yugoslav soldiers wishing to join him be permitted to leave the Middle East immediately and also called for the immediate release of all those whom he said are being detained in various concentration camps.

### Appeals Court Refuses New Trial for Lepke

ALBANY, Feb. 24 (UP).—The Court of Appeals today denied a motion for reargument of the first degree murder conviction of Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, and two of his Murder, Inc. henchmen, Emanuel (Mendy) Weiss and Louis Capone.

The trio, convicted of the 1936 slaying of Joseph Rosen, a Brooklyn storekeeper, were scheduled to die in Sing-Sing Prison's electric chair March 2.

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### Baltimore Shipyard Admits Safety Hazards

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—The Bethlehem-Key Highway ship repair yard has been unable to meet minimum requirements for safety and industrial health, as required by the navy and the Maritime Commission, because of a shortage of properly trained medical personnel, according to a company spokesman.

A drive by Local 24, Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, to improve safety conditions at the yard prompted the company statement.

The union started the drive after a welder, injured in a fall from a scaffold, died of his wounds. He received no medical attention for 25 minutes after the accident.

The company has only one doctor on duty at the yard, one shift a day, to serve 10,000 workers, the spokesman for the management said. One first aid man is on duty at a dispensary serving more than 400 workers and two nurses and five first aid men share duty on three shifts elsewhere.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**  
The minimum safety and health requirements set forth by the Navy and Maritime Commission, include:  
1. Yards employing up to 5,000 men should have two full-time physicians and one additional physician for each additional 5,000 men.  
2. Yards employing up to 5,000 should have in the main dispensary six full-time nurses and three additional nurses for each additional 5,000. Additional nurses should be required for first-aid stations.  
3. One ambulance should be provided for each 15,000 employees or reasonable fraction thereof, with an ordinary passenger car always in reserve.

"These requirements are presented as 'desirable' but not necessarily mandatory."

## Says Enough Food Wasted To Feed Allies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones estimated tonight that 20 percent of all food produced in this country goes into the garbage pail to help feed the combined population of Belgium, Norway, Czechoslovakia and Greece.

"We cannot afford this in terms of our supplies. We cannot afford it in terms of our national conscience. And we cannot afford this in terms of world opinion," he said in a radio address.

He suggested it may not be "much had etiquette to pick up the bones in your fingers in order to get the last meat there, to tip the soup bowl to get the last spoonful, to sop up the gravy on the plate with a piece of bread, and to squeeze the grapefruit dry."

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### Six Recruits for the RAF



"Sally," a Great Dane mascot of an advanced RAF Spitfire base in eastern Italy, proudly looks over her six offspring being held by Cpl. R. Pickering of Ipswich, England.

## Consumers Putting Dent in Black Market

By Louise Mitchell

The New York City Consumers Council grew out of an emergency in an emergency. And now after a year's activity, the consumer organization can look itself in the mirror and say that it has brought about permanent good in fighting for subsidies and against black markets.

Not that it's work is done, over ever will be as long as we have war, black markets and profiteering. In one year it grew from a fond hope into a sturdy outfit with 80 affiliate groups in trade unions, settlement houses, women's clubs and auxiliaries.

It is known all the way from Washington to the local communities in New York City. Twice it sent large delegations to Capitol Hill to tell Congressmen that consumers want subsidies and no fooling around on it either, that they want a stronger OPA and a lower cost of living. It has helped to cut down absenteeism among New York Congressmen.

**BANE OF PROFITEERS**  
New York retailers know about its activities, many of them having been hauled before price panels and district OPA for price violations. Mrs. Betty Traustein, chairman of the Flatbush Consumers Council, recently taught her retail butcher an OPA lesson which cost him \$300 and a suspension of two weeks' business because he violated all the rules in the book.

So great is the need for organized consumer action that many local groups formed spontaneously and then affiliated with the Council. The organization is "growing by leaps and bounds," an official said yesterday.

Even New York newspapers carried large food ads are forced to admit the existence and effectiveness of these consumer groups. Just about a week ago the Mosholu Consumer Council got widespread publicity for its baby carriage parade through Bronx streets celebrating the success of a six-month campaign to force food dealers to comply with ceiling prices and other regulations. The Long Island Consumer Council has a weekly program over WJRL.

The district OPA office and Department of Markets have heard from its members on numerous occasions with protests against lax enforcement and offers of help in the form of price volunteers and assistants.

In Coney Island, for instance, many retailers thought it was a great joke to cheat customers and then get hauled. When they heard a consumer group was being formed they started getting nasty. But that didn't last long. The women did such effective educational work as well as price violation reporting that the retailers started singing another tune. And when the Coney Island group recently held a party to raise funds for its activities, the retailers contributed all the food.

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## Both Unanimously Ask FDR Run Again

Two large New York State bodies of the American Federation of Labor—the convention of butchers and bakers' State Council—have voted unanimously for resolutions urging President Roosevelt to run for a fourth term. It was learned yesterday.

Forty delegates representing 20,000 members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, meeting at Syracuse Monday and Tuesday, declared that labor wants the President re-elected because it wants the decisions of Tehran carried out and desires a people's peace.

The state's 30,000 bakery and confectionery workers, acting through their State Council executive board which met at Albany over the week-end, the resolution instructed officers to initiate a petition among the membership "drafting" the President to run.

The bakers also reaffirmed their previous stand for all-inclusive international labor unity and ordered a telegram to William Green informing him of the position.

Pleas for passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Health Bill and a federal bill for the soldiers, and a protest against Gov. Dewey's proposed cuts in the state budget, are covered in other resolutions adopted by the bakers.

The butchers' convention gave its principal attention to a state-wide organizing drive to unionize the Atlantic and Pacific States' meat departments.

New York City's four vice-presidents on the state council of the butchers include James Alston, a Negro, of Local 342; Ben Levine, Local 234 and Fred Shlechter, Local 174. Sam Telesio of Utica was elected state president.

## The Story Behind The Tax Tempest

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President the infamous Ruml Plan by which the wealthy individuals and corporations were able to take three-quarters of their saved-up 1942 taxes and put it back in their pockets. The Treasury had proposed a pay-as-you-go plan which would have generally compelled the big taxpayers to pay their 1942 taxes in full while exempting the small taxpayer who did not, and could not lay aside his taxes for the year.

Congress raised so much fuss about the additional \$16,000,000,000 asked for by the President that the Treasury boiled it down to \$12,000,000,000 and finally submitted a program for an additional \$10,500,000,000. This money was to be raised largely from higher corporate, individual income, estate and gift taxes, and from higher excise taxes on luxury goods.

When Congress got through with it, it amounted to little more than \$2,000,000,000 and it retained the Victory Tax on small incomes, which the President and the Treasury had asked it to cut out.

### PROFITS SOAR

The increases in the corporations and individual income taxes were infinitesimal. But corporation income and high individual incomes have soared to new heights, after deduction of present taxes. Last year, for instance, corporations cleared over \$8,000,000,000 after taxes, nearly double the banner year of 1942. No wonder the President vetoed the Congressional measure as "providing relief not for the needy but for the greedy."

As regards tax simplification, in its desperate desire to fasten the Victory Tax load upon the shoulders of the \$12 a week wage earner, Congress has done the precise opposite.

Such is the sordid record of sabotage of Point 1 in the President's anti-inflation program, rolled up by the seventy-seventh and the seventy-eighth Congresses. What these two Congresses have failed to do goes into the pockets of the profiteers.

It adds a further burden of post-war debt which the boys at the front and the workers at home will have to shoulder in the years to come. And it puts an unnecessary strain upon national unity.

## Teachers College Proposes Plan to Meet Vet Needs

Adult education faces a challenge in perfecting a readjustment program for war veterans, whether in denim or khaki, according to a 48-page bulletin Marching Home, issued by the Institute of Adult Education, Teachers College, Columbia University.

Facilities of local organizations and institutions planning to readjust and reallocate veterans and workers in the postwar period are inadequate at this time, the bulletin points out.

A single organization to coordinate local institutions for welfare and education is suggested in the 48-page booklet. Because of the shortage of trained workers, it is stated, graduate schools should immediately devise training programs for leaders in all types of veterans' adult education.

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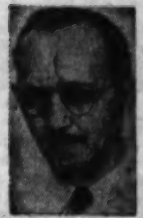
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## Literary Lookout

By SAMUEL PUTNAM

"WHAT is it," one of my correspondents inquires of me, "that brings an intellectual to the Communist Party?" And another, writing from a sick-bed (I can sympathize with him, for I'm there a good part of the time myself), tells me that he is always interested in learning how it is that people become Communists. So, I know there is an audience for the topic that I want to discuss today.



Well, to begin with, it goes without saying that there is not one path alone, there are a number of paths—any number of them, it may be—which lead to the vanguard sector, the front-line fox-holes, so to speak, of the democratic—progressive—working-class movement. Inasmuch as I myself most of my life have belonged to the White Collar Brigade, I rather hesitate to speak for the man at the factory bench or behind the plow; but it is my impression from discussions with such comrades that the approach for them, on the whole, is a good deal simpler and more direct than it is for the average "intellectual."

The worker in blouse and overalls, I find, having reached a certain stage of political development, is likely to see in the Party nothing more nor less than, simply, the logical next step which he must take in a struggle which long has been a familiar one to him, one which indeed is part and parcel of his very being.

Dialectics is for him an ever-living day-to-day reality. With the white collar man or woman, the case is likely to be different; and this applies particularly to that subdivision of the white-collarists

## There Are a Number of Paths To the Front Line Fox-Holes

commonly, and sometimes anathematized as "intellectuals," for the reason that these latter, unless they are fortunate enough to be organized in unions, are apt to be even further removed from the everyday struggle than most non-manual workers are.

Writers, also, whose occupation and position in society have a natural tendency to isolate them, have learned a great deal in recent years through cooperative and organized endeavor, in the League of American Writers and other groups.

The "intellectual" or white collar worker who makes such an approach as this finds himself in very much the same boat as any other member of the working class, and joining the Party becomes merely the next step.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that the intellectual, whose trade is thinking, consciously or unconsciously feels the compulsion of making an intellectual approach. He must think things out for himself. Frequently, without being aware of it, he is swayed by his emotions which he mistakes for his intellect.

In the realm of thought there are again a number of by-paths. One's approach may be a philosophical one; it may be economic; or the intellectual, the teacher, the writer, whoever he may be, may come to see in the Communist Party the best available means of fighting to save that great cultural heritage with which all intellectuals worthy of the name are passionately concerned.

Now, there is nothing wrong with the emotional approach, provided it is rounded out on the thinking side. And so, conversely, one whose approach has been almost purely intellectual (it can never be wholly so—ones who, let us say, have come to Marxism through the philosophy of Hegel, or by way of economic theory—such a one, it seems to me, should take care to clothe the dry bones of his thinking with the warm and glowing flesh of human feeling.

## An American Physiologist Discusses Red Army Morale

Text of speech by Dr. Walter B. Cannon, professor emeritus of physiology at Harvard University and honorary member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, at a dinner in tribute to the Red Army on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of Red Army Day, Monday, Feb. 21, at the Hotel Commodore.

By Dr. Walter B. Cannon

The features of the present war which are receiving most attention are the attacks by airplanes, the dropping of bombs, the destruction of long-range guns, and the defenses set up against these instruments of warfare. Little attention is given to the fact that wars are won ultimately by ground

forces, by the infantry—ultimately by fighting man. We not only wish to destroy Berlin and Tokyo but we look forward to a time when our armies can march into these capitals of our barbaric foes and thereby establish thoroughly evidence of our victory. It is well for us to pay attention therefore to the conditions which influence fighting men.

The fighting man, we should recognize, is best by two fundamental emotions and instincts which are in direct opposition one to the other. First, when he is in a front line position there is the emotion of fear, and the associated instinct to flee, to escape, to seek a position of safety and security. Opposed to this attitude is the aggressive spirit, the instinct which underlies the fighting

instinct. It is fostered by a variety of motives—by hate, by the desire for revenge or by loyalty to one's native land, to his flag, to one's fellows and to the officers who have shown skill and thoughtful consideration in their leadership. These

are the underlying forces which, in spite of fear, keep the soldier on the alert and eagerly aggressive in a battle, no matter what the danger. A Rarity in Soviet Army

The conflict between these two profound and elemental emotional states, fear and the aggressive spirit, is greatly intensified when a shell burst has killed many of a man's buddies, wounded many others, and has left him untouched. It is then that he is likely to break and manifest the signs of so-called shell shock. Now, it is reported that the phenomenon in shell shock is rare in the Russian army. This is a fact of extraordinary interest.

Why this rarity in the Army of the Soviet Union and its prevalence in other armies? The best explanation appears to be that the fighting spirit of the Russian soldier has risen to such a high level that he is self-protecting, self-protective instincts become wholly secondary.

The conflict between the two attitudes therefore is no longer closely balanced but is replaced by an overwhelming eagerness for aggression. There are powerful motives which underlie this supreme display of the fighting spirit. The homeland of the Russian soldiers has been wondrously invaded; their fields have been devastated; mines have been sown and exploited for the benefit of the marauding enemy; innumerable villages, formerly their homes, have been systematically burned; precious herds have been driven off and slaughtered; and tens of thousands of innocent women, little children,



Firmly supporting the high morale of the Soviet troops is the confidence of the fighting man that if he is wounded he will be thoroughly well-cared for by the military medical and surgical services. (The photo above is from the Soviet film, "No Greater Love.")

and old men (their own close relatives) have been shot or hanged for trivial reasons, or no reasons at all, or they have been driven into slavery or brutally subjected to even worse fates. There is every reason why hate and the desire for revenge should become dominant in the Russian soldier. There is every reason why there should be high morale in the Russian Army. There is every reason why that Army has won stupendous victories—victories which count, as General MacArthur has testified as the "greatest achievement in all history."

Have Confidence In Medical Care

Firmly supporting the high morale of the troops in the Soviet Union is the assurance brought to the fighting man that if he is wounded he will be thoroughly well-cared for by the military medical and surgical services. As I have known from experience in France in 1917 and 1918 and in connection with the present war, one of the greatest problems confronting the military surgeons is that of wound

shock. This is a condition which is characterized by a great reduction of the circulating blood. In place of this blood, plasma (a part of the blood) can in an emergency be used effectively to restore the circulation. The present Red Cross Drive for blood donations in the United States is based upon this fact.

The admirable treatment of the war-wounded and the excellent surgical skill which they have received have resulted in the extraordinary return of more than seventy-three per cent of the wounded men to the fighting forces.

It is well for us to recognize frankly that the wounded cannot be returned to the fighting line nor can soldiers be made to fight effectively (as the Russian soldiers have in fact fought with amazing devotion) by being forced into battle. Much more powerful motives than an exhibition of force are driving the soldiers of the Soviet armies in their glorious victories over the Nazi hordes. The new recruits, and the wounded who return to the fight, eagerly carry on what may truly be called a holy war, and it is fortunate for all mankind, and especially for freedom-loving people, that they have forward as their foe to achieve a final victory.

Russian Method Best in the World

A recent visit of British, American, and Canadian surgeons to Russia has brought forth the testimony that the Russian methods of collecting blood and of preparing blood substitutes and of distributing both the collected blood and the substitutes is "the best in the

## "DAILY" SPORTS

### LOWDOWN

Tami Confused About His Career, But Should Still Win Tonight

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Tami "Antaeus" Mauriello, the man who must go back to Mother Earth in every fight if he is to win it, will face a perplexing problem this evening before the assembled scientists and sages at the Garden when he fights a man who may not be able to floor him—Joe Baksi.

If you know Tami like we know Tami you'll understand how completely distressing this situation can be. It bodes ill for our large-girthed Bronx friend. It takes all the joy out of life. Well, almost all.

You know about Tami, don't you? How he gets hit with a left hook right on the kisser and goes kerplunk to the canvas? How he then gets off the floor after communion with Mother Earth and then proceeds to wreak bloody vengeance upon his unfortunate foe, a happy smile playing about his puffed lips?

That's Tami. But it may not be Tami tonight if he doesn't hit the canvas. If he doesn't, it may well mean defeat. And defeat isn't good, is it?

Some months ago we wouldn't hesitate a moment in selecting Mauriello to take Baksi easily. The Tami of a year past was a slugging, ambitious, hardy, well-conditioned and pugnacious scrapper who dreamed of the heavyweight championship at night.

But that was a year ago. The Tami of today is a jolly, uninspired kid who is very confused about what he wants to in life. Had he been inducted into the Army, a great percentage of his problems would have been solved. But his bad leg made him a "healthy 4F" and the kid discovered that he still had those problems to contend with.

The crux of the situation is that Tami is tired of fighting for a living. The kid lacks the "killer" instinct. He is a happy-go-lucky youngster who likes to kibitz with his pals in the Bronx and drink double chocolate sodas.

He's been fighting ever since he turned 15 and after seven years in the bleak business he is about fed up with the grind of training, the going-to-bed-early set up, the drudgery of roadwork and the general dislike of battling another guy's brains out.

At one stage in the game this typical Italian working class kid who has been supporting an orphaned family of ten on his thundering fists, actually did quit fighting and tried his hand at working in a war plant—Grumman's.

But he found that working in a factory no cinch. The hours were long, the pay much smaller than he had become accustomed to as a fighter and the work not as exciting.

So back to the fists was our Johnny go.

Not all the way back, however.

Still Figures to Win

Professional sports in the country are so well publicized, and its heroes so magnified, that you occasionally lose sight of the fact that most of the great athletes you read about are merely youngsters in their early twenties.

You attribute to them a maturity and single-mindedness you would never think of attributing to an ordinary youngster.

Thus it is. Tami is a confused kid and lacks the single-mindedness of purpose he had a year ago. But he still has a lot of fistic talent and even though Harry Markson, Mike Baksi's press agent, has done such a terrific job on building up Joe Baksi, Tami should take him—for after all it is said and done he hits like thunder, can take plenty of punishment and is youthful enough to still enjoy a good and merry scrap.

But we also picked Montgomery to thrash Bummy Davis last week. Remember?

### Would You Like D.W. Sponsored Bowling Tournament?

The Daily Worker is considering sponsorship of a city wide bowling tournament for five-man teams coming from trade unions, IWO clubs, progressive organizations, Party clubs and the like.

For some time now we have received various requests to organize just such a tournament—our readers correctly pointing out that bowling has become the major participating sport of the American people.

Such a tournament is under serious consideration. In fact many of the plans have already been made and the completion of the plans will be determined by the response we receive from trade unions, IWO groups, Party clubs and the like.

You can help us immensely by writing and telling us if you would enter a team in this tournament. . . . Prizes will be higher than in any other tournament in the city. . . . So let 'em roll, bowling fans. . . . And the tourney will get under way fast.

### St. John's Lucky; Won't Have to Face W. Michigan

By Mike Singer

If Coach Joe Lapchick is smiling today it's not because his St. John's five in a last brilliant surge ripped NYU wide open to insure itself a berth in the National Invitation Tournament. The 50-40 grin over the Violets Wednesday night at the Garden became a rollicking laugh when he learned that Western Michigan, the rampaging Bronchos from Kalamazoo, won't be in the tourney.

The 16,259 fans who came to see the traditional city fives treat each other apart—and we mean literally (48 fouls in the game)—walked into the night talking mostly of the Michigan visitors whose 68-49 trouncing of City College topped any Garden score this season. For sheer coordinated playmaking, improvised but cohesive strategy and fast, clean-cutting skill the Western Michigan boys are one of the standouts of this or any other Garden cage season.

Though the Redmen broke through a stubborn Violet man to man defense in the last three minutes of play, Lapchick has little reason to dance around the tottem pole. The Schmeckhorn St. outfit was ragged and dazzling at turns, slipped in their breakthroughs, wasteful in their shooting. NYU, however, surprised the fans and there were moments when the bookies were fingering their pawn tickets and shouting verbal doses of adrenalin into their rambling veins. Playing without their floor ace, Sid Tannenbaum, Cannon's crew started with a zip and precision which caught St. John's off guard. With Goldstein and O'Brien pacing their drive, the former by smart playmaking, the latter by deadly long shots, the Violets gave the Indians little room for fancy court doo-dads or leisurely coasting.

The Violets, playing strictly for offense, had some heart-breaking misses, a few of which might have changed the complexion of the game had they gone an eighth of an inch the other way.

Western Michigan's rout of a fighting but hapless City five was an almost perfect brand of basketball. Led by John Cayrol, a speedster who can throw them in with both hands and whose force is tearing in past the pivot for breathtaking layups on angle cuts, the Kalamazoo quintet proved themselves by far the best team to show up here this season.

Holman's boys had nothing to hold them. The visitors cut like rifle bullets, passed the local play with a unique two-man pivot play inside the circle and showed a tricky concept of switching when City had the ball those. In every ball club. The Marine's gain is the tourney's loss—the Kalamazoo Kangaroos would be my choice for the No. 1 tourney team. But like they are in Brooklyn, c'est la guerre. . . .

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The two-mile relay may well develop into one of those competitions which has the customers up and roaring. The University of Michigan, University of Rochester, Columbia, New York University, Dartmouth, and the New York A. C. have slambang outfits. Michigan ran the distance in 7:53.4 at the Millrose games but with Bob Ufer concentrating on the 400 and the Hume twins in the mile, the team does not seem ready for such figures.

Rochester, second to Michigan at the Millrose, did 8:14.8 a week later. Columbia has negotiated the distance in 8:08. New York University ran it in 8:11.4 at the New York A. C. games. Dartmouth was third behind that 7:53.4 of Michigan. The New York A. C. won the Metropolitan two-mile relay in 8:15.3 without spikes on the unbanked 13th Regiment track.

While Gil Dadds' threat to the world mile mark, the duel between Johnny Fulton and Joe Nowicki in the 1,000, and the remarkable 600 field will draw a large share of the headlines at the Garden tomorrow night the races for the one-mile and two-mile relay championships of American should be among the most exciting of the season.

Thus far this campaign the relay has always the most pulsating of events—have lacked much of their old match-race fire. The matching has turned out to be poor due to the changing conditions. However, in the national championships no such difficulties are encountered for the best teams must perform meet one another. The sprint medley will not be far behind the mile and the two mile relays in point of tense drama.

Bliff Jones' West Point mile relay combination, with Cndet George C. Berger back at anchor again, Columbia, Rochester (full of old Fordhams) and the New York A. C. should be toss-up co-favorites as they have uncorked the best times of the season. Less than three seconds separate these outfits in point of fastest performances this year.

### Edgar Snow Writes on The Red Army's Valor

(Continued from yesterday)

"But of course they had had to be men, each one of them a heroic life. So individual value, in men properly trained and equipped, confident in an intelligent leadership, determined to die rather than yield; belief in a sacred cause or, perhaps in the case of these Siberians, the rugged plainman's regional pride, or esprit de corps (what our marines had later at Tarawa and Makin). Or you might say simply discipline, the inculcated group will which, attaching to a fine tradition, makes the normal instinct to survive a remote and unobtainable thought. All those intangibles that go to make up what is called 'morale'—or whatever it is—these Siberians had it."

"Once again they proved that it is still that strange living quality, that high pitch of selflessness and not machines, which turns the fate of men in battle."

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serfs owned like domestic animals. And in consequence of the success of that party's leadership there is no doubt that its government, the Soviet regime, stands today as stable as any system of rule on earth."

"This prestige has not been won without enormous blood sacrifice in the ranks of the party. In the most critical battles, at the most difficult positions, Communists and Komso-mols (young Communists), assumed the highest responsibility. Thus, at the battle of Stalingrad, I learned that in many companies of the Guard divisions, which stopped the worst Nazi onslaughts, as many as one-third of the rank and file were Communists or Komso-mols. . . . Mr. Snow concludes:

"In view of this record of the Red Army, it is perhaps not only just—it may even be considered prudent—for those powers wishing to enjoy continued peace and cooperation with the Soviet Union to take on their own shoulders quite a lot of the tasks of working out ways and means of making that possible."

"For some of us, who have for twelve years, or ever since the Japanese seized Manchuria, maintained that American-Soviet cooperation was a necessary precondition of world security, what happened at the Moscow Conference, and later the Tehran, seems like sunshine breaking through, after forty days of blood and rain, after 4,000 days of rain and storm. If we can believe all the implications of the Moscow entente, we are nearer the bright light of reason than man has ever been able to stand before."

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### NEW PLAYS

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"Nathan the Wise" is a tale of the Third Crusade, when an invading German knight saves a girl from a fiery death. She happens to be the Christian-born daughter of a Jewish merchant, who has reared her in the Jewish faith. Prejudice creates a clash between the Knight Templar and the merchant. The case is settled peaceably at a hearing before the ruling Mohammedan Patriarch.

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As an advocate of more and freer expression, I usually favor more and longer symposiums. But "Nathan the Wise" can stand on its own good old feet—it needs no double-talk post-script.

Cleveland to See "No Greater Love"

CLEVELAND.—The famous Hanna Theatre on Playhouse Square announced that it has booked the new Soviet film, "No Greater Love," for the week commencing March 12.

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